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POLITICAL.

The Nasim i-Agra, of the 7th June, publishes an Urdu translation of an article which appearance and in the Amrita Bazar Pattrika on the National Congress.

Calcutta, of the 25th May. The

article was communicated to the Pattrika by its Allahabad correspondent. The writer represents Sir Saiyid Ahmad. Khan and his son, Mr. Justice Mahmud, as leaders of the Muhammadan community in these Provinces, and says that the father is secretly assisted by the son in his opposition to the National Congress. Government, following the maxim "Divide and govern," shows partiality to Musalmans against Hindús. The appointments of eight tahsíldárs as Officiating Deputy Collectors are notified in the Allahabad Government Gazette dated 28th April last; of these eight tahsíldárs who have received promotion five are Musalmáns and only three Hindús. There are six Hindu Statutory Civilians against five Muhammadan Statutory Civilians, and it is rumoured that a Musalman will be admitted to the Native Civil Service this year. There are nine tabsildars in the Allahabad district, of whom six are Musalmans. Hence it will be perceived that a great injustice is being done to Hindús by Government, inasmuch as, according to the last census, the Hindu population in these Provinces is

Circulation, 385 copies. seven times the Muhammadan population. Sir Auckland Colvin openly declared that he received his elementary political education amidst Musalmans and had had the honour of serving under a Muhammadan prince in Egypt, and therefore Hindús should expect nothing from his Government. In commenting upon the above article, the Nasim-i-Agra observes that Sir Saiyid Ahmad Khan is not the head of the Muhammadan community, inasmuch as the orthodox Musalmans have always been opposed to him. He has succeeded in winning over only those Musalmans who like European dress and mode of life and are fond of liquor. A Muhammadan who drinks liquor, does not offer his daily prayers, does not fast during the month of Ramzan, and prefers a visit to England to a pilgrimage to Mecca, cannot be expected to do any good to his nation and country. Musalmans had better look at the proceedings of Sir Saiyid Ahmad Khan and his son, who pride themselves in their patriotism and sympathy for their co-religionists. Sir Saiyid Ahmad Khan had a Muhammadan mosque at Benares demolished on the ground that the land on which the mosque was built had been obtained unjustly. As soon as he was appointed a Member of the Viceroy's Legislative Council he prepared a Bill to tamper with the Muhammadan law of inheritance, but the Government of India was wise enough to reject it. The Nasim-i-Agra then refers to Mr. Justice Mahmud's judgment in the case of Mazhar Ali versus Budh Singh, published in the Weekly Notes for December, 1884, and says that by that judgment Musalmans have been made liable to the provisions of section 108 of the Evidence Act in opposition to the Muhammadan law. When the question of Hindi versus Urdu was discussed, Mr. Justice Mahmud suggested that English should be made the Court language. His suggestion, if adopted, would be very injurious to Musalmans. Again, he is opposed to the proposal that the Civil Service Examination should also be held in India. If the Examination were also held in India, many Musalmans who cannot afford to bear the expenses of a journey to England would be able to compete. I Sir Saiyid

Ahmad Khan has succeeded in getting his sons and grandsons appointed to high posts under Government, but their appointments have done no good to the whole Muhammaddan community. The Allahabad correspondent of the Amrita Bazar Pattrika accuses Sir Auckland Colvin of unjust partiality to Musalmans, but the charge is unfounded. Sir Auckland is not an ordinary Civilian, but is a man of high birth. His father, who lies buried in the Agra fort, was formerly Lieutenant-Governor of these Provinces, and all classes of the people were satisfied with his administration. All the members of the family are famous for their love of justice and sympathy with the people. Sir Auckland Colvin's declaration, to which the correspondent of the Calcutta newspaper has taken exception, does not show that His Honor is unduly partial to Muhammadans. The larger employment of Musalmans in the public service is due to their ability and efforts. Hindus do not like to go to England for education. Some narrow-minded Civilians, who think that the growth of a close relationship between Government and the people will put a stop to their high-handedness and tyranny, are no doubt opposed to the National Congress. But Sir Auckland Colvin has openly declared, in a letter published in newspapers, that he is not an opponent of the Congress. Had Government been opposed to the movement, it would have ordered it to be stopped. The Judges of the High Court of Bombay, the Viceroy, and the Governor of Madras showed great kindness to the delegates. of the Congress when the meetings were held at those places. If the Supreme or the Local Government is really opposed to the National Congress, serious consequences are sure to follow, which will lead to the ruin of the whole country. It is high time that Government should take steps to check the mutual ill-feeling and hatred which some evil-minded men are endeavouring to create among the people.

The Oudh Punch (Lucknow), of the 31st May, publishes
Sir Saiyid Ahmad Khán a long Urdu poem in which the
and the National Congress. writer ridicules and abuses his Saiyid Ahmad Khán and his followers, refers to their alleged
departures from the tenets of the Muhammadan religion,

Circulation.

tells Musalmans not to allow themselves to be deceived by their misrepresentations, and advises them to support the National Congress.

Circulation, 100 copies. The Bhárat Bandhu (Aligarh), of the 8th June, is gladSir William Hunter and to say that the National Congress has
the National Congress. begun to gain the sympathy and support of influential men in England. Sir William Hunter has
lately published a long article in the London Times in praise
of the movement. The Bhárat Bandhu then gives the substance of the article.

Circulation, 240 copies. The Azad (Lucknow), of the 8th June, says that, looking at the letters published by Mr. Hume at the letters published by Mr. Hume in the Morning Post in answer to about the National Congress.

Mr. Beck's criticisms on the National Congress, it would seem that Mr.

Hume is in his dotage. He condemns Mr. Beck's writings as foolish, but the charge recoils on himself with redoubled force. He has not been able to answer the arguments of the opponents of the Congress and has entirely broken down towards the close of his letter of 17th May. He condemns Mr. Beck's 'allegations as imaginary, but the same remark is applicable to his own statements. He says that the National Congress cannot expect to obtain representative institutions for the next; fifty or seventy years. Is not this idea an imaginary one? Nothing could be a greater mistake than to compare India with Canada. All the inhabitants of Canada profess the same religion, while the Indians profess various religions. It is absurd to call the latter one nation until they all become followers of the same religion. Mr. Beck has clearly shown that the National Congress is a mischievous movement and is calculated to create a rebellion. Mr. Hume expects that natives will be able to obtain representative institutions in fifty or seventy years; but, Mr. Beck and other men of his class rightly think that the introduction of such institutions is impossible until the British Government is willing to abandon the government of this country. The Azad then criticizes other parts of Mr. Hume's letters,

Circulation, 180 copies.

The Najmu-l-Akhlar (Etawah), of the 12th June, says
that Sir Lepel Griffin's notes about
the States of affairs in Gwalior, Indore,
and Bhopel in his last Report on the

Native States in Central India deserve special notice. When the Gwalior treasure was invested in Government promissory notes, it was given out that the Council of Regency was responsible for the measure. But Sir Lepel Griffin has clearly stated in his report that the investment of the Gwalior treasure was made at his suggestion. This shows what great influence Residents and Political Agents exercise Sir Lepel Griffin complains that, in in Native States. spite of frequent warnings, Mahárája Holkar does not care to improve the administration. With reference to Bhopal, he observes that Colonel Ward cannot place the administration on a satisfactory footing owing to Sadiq Hasan Khan's oppo-He accuses native editors of publishing libellous articles for pecuniary rewards, and urges that they should be prosecuted and punished. Had he been appointed Governor-General of India, he would have ordered them to be blown from a gun.

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The Karnamah (Lucknow), of the 4th June, publishes

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late ex-King of Oudh.

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praying for the appointment of Prince Mirza Jahan Qadr as the trustee and manager of the late ex-King's Imambara and tomb, and hopes that the Government will accede to the just and reasonable request of the memorialists.

The Nydya Sudha (Harda), of the 6th June, gives a Mr. Caine's lecture on his brief abstract of the lecture delivered by Mr. Caine, M.P., on his Indian experience, and observes, in conclusion, that he appears to sympathize with the aims and aspirations of natives. It will be a happy day for this country when many men of his liberal views are found in England.

Circulation,

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Circulation, 181 copies. The Hindustan (Kalakankar), of the 8th and 9th June,
publishes a long article in condemtengland on Indian silver nation of the import duty levied by
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ware and the destruction by the Assay Office of all silver goods which are found to contain more alloy than the proportion fixed by the office, and refers to the various attempts made by successive Viceroys and the Indian Chambers of Commerce to move the Home Government to abolish the import duty. In conclusion, the Hindustin states that Lord Dufferin has again sent a despatch to the Secretary of State on the subject and hopes that the English Government, acting upon its free trade policy, will see its way to abolishing the duty and putting a stop to the examination of Indian silver ware by the Assay Office.

Circulation, 180 copies.

Causes of the poverty of that the chief cause of the poverty of this country is the use of European goods by natives. It appears from a newspaper that during the last year matches worth Rs. 34,00,000, umbrellas worth Rs. 37,13,025, and boots worth Rs. 13,42,526 were imported from Europe and sold in the Bombay Presidency. Educated natives pride themselves in their patriotism, but obviously they themselves are the greatest consumers of European manufactures. If they are true friends of their country, they should take a vow to use only Indian goods. The National Congress can be of no use to the country, especially as it has tended to alienate the hearts of European officers from natives.

The Agra Punch, of the 12th June, represents a chaprasi as carrying a spinning-wheel, and a woman, named India, as complaining that even her spinning-wheel has forcibly been taken from her, as she could not pay the income-tax.

Circulation,

The Hindurian (Kalakankar), of the 9th June, gives a Beauty temple more brief account of the proceedings of the public meeting held at the Calcutta Town Hall on the 5th idem, under the auspices of

Captain Hearsey, to support a memorial which will be submitted to the Supreme Government, praying for the restitution to Hindús of certain Hindu temples in Benares which are alleged to have been unjustly confiscated and sold by the Government in 1858. The Hindustan adds that Captain Hearsey deserves the gratitude of the whole Hindu community for the movement.

The Chirdgh-i-Aiman (Agra), of the 8th June, says that Government and the the British system of administration in this country is seemingly a very people. good one, but on close examination it is found to be characterized by gross selfishness. Government looks to its own interests in utter disregard of those of the people. It has made rules and regulations which are beneficial to itself, but are very injurious to the people. First, look at the heavy assessment of land revenue. Landlords have to give 55 per cent of their income to Government on account of land revenue and have to pay cesses, &c., in addition, so that they have hardly 30 or 35 per cent, left to them. They have also to submit to the illegal extortion of tahail officials. Acts XVIII and XIX of 1873 have greatly deprived them of powers against their tenants: little indulgence is shown them in the payment of revenue instalments. No remission is granted even when there is a failure of crops owing to drought or any other cause. The condition of cultivators, too, is very They have not enough left for their support unsatisfactory. after paying their rents, which, as a rule, are high. Wild beasts injure their standing crops, but Government neither allows them to keep arms nor does it itself make any arrangements for the protection of their crops.

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Portuguese rule are more happy and contented. The Suboda

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mend the introduction of a marriage tax. But the proposal is an unjust one and would obviously increase and not decrease the expenses. If Government is anxious to put a stop to the evil, it should frame a scheme for the encouragement of Hindu social reform on the lines of local self-government. An Act should be passed sanctioning the appointment of local committees for the purpose. The committees should be composed of the leaders of the Hindu community, and should devote their attention to the curtailment of the heavy marriage expenses, the encouragement of remarriage of young widows, the stoppage of the customs of marrying children and adorning them with jewellery, and so forth. The Dabdaba-i-Qaisari then rebukes Hindus for their blindly following old but ruinous customs, and appeals to public associations to bring pressure to bear on the community to reduce the marriage expenses.

POST-OFFICE.

The Chirdgh-i-Aiman (Agra), of the 1st June, urges that as newspapers are in the nature of interpreters between Government and the public and consequently very useful to both parties, the postage on them should be remitted. If Government does not see its way to an entire remission of the postage, it should reduce the postage to a quarter of an anna. The system of paying postage in advance for privileged newspapers causes unnecessary loss to the proprietors of the newspapers.

NATIVE STATES.

The Bulbul-i-Hind (Moradabad), of the 4th June, mys

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is exaggerated and false. Nanne Khan was employed in the service of the State. He quietly left Rampur and went to Moradabad, without obtaining leave from his superior officer, soon after the occurrence of several thefts at Rampur; on his return to Rampur he was required to give an The Nizamu-l-Mulk explanation of his misbehaviour. says that the administration of Rampur is not likely to be improved until Europeans are appointed members of the It really means that the State should be annexed. But neither Musalmans nor Hindus would like to see Rampur annexed. The members of the Council are able men and perform their duties well. The state of affairs is now very satisfactory. All the relatives of the Nawab have been reconciled and friendship has been restored between Haidar Ali Khan and General Azimu-l-din Khan. The Council had now better be abolished, but of course the members should still continue in the service of the State.

The Dabdaba-i-Qaisari (Bareilly), of the 9th June, after Kashmir and the Rafiq-i- giving the substance of the article Hind newspaper. of the Rafiq-i-Hind newspaper of Lahore, urging the annexation of Kashmir, says that the Dost-i-Hind, the Nucratu-l-Akhbar, and other native newspapers have rightly denounced the Lahore journal for its absurd proposal. Government cannot be justified in annexing the Happy Valley on the grounds urged. The Rafiq-i-Hind appears to have been animated by malice in its recommendation about Kashmir, because it did not urge the annexation of other Native States in which maladministration pre vailed.

The same paper says that some Muhammadan newspapers

Appointment of a Muhammadan Aide-de-Camp
hammadan Aide-de-Camp
by Mahárája Kishor Singh
of Marwar.

Hindu States. But the complaint is utterly unfounded.
Mahárája Kishor Singh, the Commander-in-Chief of Marwar, has lately appointed one Muhammad Ram Ali his
Aide-de-Camp and given him a horse and other valuable
presents.

Circulation, 250 copies.

LOCAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

The Chiragh-i-Aiman (Agra), of the 8th June, complains Professional beggars at that at Agra professional beggars, who as a rule own property worth one or two thousand rupees, are a great nuisance to the public. They annoy house-holders, shop-keepers, and the people walking in streets with their importunate demands for alms and taunt those men who do not comply with their demands. They should not be allowed to go about begging from door to door and man to man, but should be made to sit at suitable places in streets. If a person wishes to give them anything he could do so, but they should not be allowed to leave their places.

The Kayasth Akhbar (Lucknow), of the 8th June, states

Manager of a printing press at Lucknow punished for establishing the press without obtaining permission from the Magistrate. that Mirza Abdulla Hasrati, the publisher of the Vaktl-i-Kaumi journal, Lucknow, has been sentenced to a fine of Rs. 700 and a week's imprison-

ment for establishing a printing press without obtaining permission from the Magistrate.

Circulation, 200 copies. The Mashir-i-Qaisar (Lucknow), of the 5th June, quotes Shahna-i-Hind news-some extracts from the Shahna-i-Hind newspaper of the 1st idem, published by a Musalman of the Ahl-i-Hadis sect at Meerut, and condemns them as obscene and insulting to the Hanafi sect. The Mashir-i-Qaisar then refers to a poem published in the same number of the Shahna-i-Hind and complains that the writer has ridiculed and abused the Sufi sect and those persons who hold the religious meetings to celebrate the anniversary of Muhammad's birth.

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